

you'll buy new equipment, expand your plants and create jobs. We need to find ways to help these small businesses provide health insurance by allowing association health plans, simplified billing, allow us to purchase health insurance across State lines and passing tort reform.

It's time for us to come up with the ways to help small business create jobs instead of finding ways to hinder them.

287(G) PROGRAM

(Mr. POLIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the Federal 287(g) program. This unconscionable program authorizes local governments to carry out immigration law compliance, threatening law enforcement and our constitutional protections. We've seen Sheriff Arpaio of Maricopa County, Arizona, despicably racially profile and round up Latinos in front of TV cameras as he enforced his 287(g) powers. We've watched in horror as he and others who are a disgrace to the uniforms they wear detain people based solely upon the color of their skin.

Arpaio is now, thankfully, under investigation for civil rights violations for his discriminatory, unconstitutional searches and seizures. Nevertheless, I'm sad to announce that last Friday afternoon, ICE announced 287(g) agreements with 67 State and local law enforcement agencies across the country. 287(g) scares victims and witnesses of crimes to avoid contacting police for fear of being mistreated. 287 invites exploitation by those who know that they won't be reported to police because it combines the contradictory duties into the same police force.

What's the result? A sweep of terror that's frightened legal and undocumented immigrants into hiding, undermining law enforcement efforts across our country. 287(g) programs undermine the spirit and the text of the Constitution, and I encourage Congress to repeal 287(g).

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HEALTH CARE AND SMALL BUSINESS

(Mr. GUTHRIE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, we can all agree that health care needs to be made more affordable and accessible. However, under the proposed House bill, those who are working to get our economy back on track will be burdened with financing the government takeover of health care.

Some in Congress want to enact a \$544 billion surtax to help pay for the legislation. However, according to the data from the IRS, more than half of

those targeted under the surtax are small business owners.

Small businesses have historically employed more than half of the U.S. workforce and have created more than 72 percent of the new jobs across the country. With unemployment climbing to record numbers and the Federal deficit reaching \$1.4 trillion, Congress simply can't keep ignoring these issues.

Prior to being elected to Congress this year, I was working for my family's small business and know how important small businesses are not only to local communities but to our national economy as well.

Imposing taxes on small businesses that are doing all they can to stay afloat is not a viable answer and could make job losses even worse.

HEALTH CARE BILL IS MOVING FORWARD

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I just want to say how proud I am of the fact that both in the House and the Senate we are now moving towards health care reform. The committees of jurisdiction have moved bills. The bills are now being prepared for a floor vote in both the House and the Senate.

It is so important to my constituents and to every American that we have affordable health insurance. The number of people without insurance continues to grow. The statistics about increased costs for health care and insurance next year continue to go up. We need to accomplish the goal of providing affordable insurance for everyone, and that's about to be accomplished here in the Congress—both in the House and the Senate.

I think we can move forward with these bills in the next few weeks and then go to conference and have a bill on the President's desk by the end of this year, which was the goal of President Obama since the beginning.

So we should be very proud of the fact that we are moving forward and that this is something that finally will be accomplished for the American people.

GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER OF HEALTH CARE

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, contrary to what my colleagues from across the aisle have said, Republicans do have commonsense plans for reforming health care. They're different from the Democrat plan for a government takeover of health care, which will be an economic burden that will fall squarely on the backs of small business owners and their workers.

At a time when Americans are cutting back and making sacrifices, they

expect Washington to do the same. Instead, the Democrats' proposed government-run health care plan imposes \$208 billion in new taxes on small businesses who simply cannot afford to pay for their employees' health care. An estimated 5.5 million jobs will be lost at a time when this country already suffers from unemployment not seen in 26 years.

The worst thing that Washington can do is introduce a job-killing health care plan that restricts the growth of small businesses during these tough economic times. The American people deserve better, and Republicans have proposed better ways.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS TREATMENT EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 1793) to amend title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the program for providing life-saving care for those with HIV/AIDS.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 1793

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009".

(b) REFERENCES.—Except as otherwise specified, whenever in this Act an amendment is expressed in terms of an amendment to a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 201 et seq.).

SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF HIV HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROGRAM.

(a) ELIMINATION OF SUNSET PROVISION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-415; 120 Stat. 2767) is amended by striking section 703.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Paragraph (1) shall take effect as if enacted on September 30, 2009.

(3) CONTINGENCY PROVISIONS.—Notwithstanding section 703 of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-415; 120 Stat. 2767) and section 139 of the Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2010—

(A) the provisions of title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300ff et seq.), as in effect on September 30, 2009, are hereby revived; and

(B) the amendments made by this Act to title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act